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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE AUSTRIAN DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE IN EE

- 1. AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY VISITED HUNGARY WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 18-19. FOLLOWING WEEKEND HE VISITED POLAND. PRESIDENT KIRCHSCHLAEGER HAS JUST COMPLETED VISIT TO BULGARIA. VISIT TO VIENNA BY ROMANIAN PREMIER MANESCU TO TAKE PLACE SHORTLY. ROMANIAN DEFENSE MINISTER COMAN IN VIENNA NOW.
- 2. RFE DIRECTOR HEMSING WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY VIENNA MAY BE ABLE TO SHARE WITH HIM ON MOTIVATIONS AND HOPES BEHNID WHAT HAS APPEARANCE OF AUSTRIAN DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE IN EASTERN EUROPE.
- 3. RFE SAYS AUSTRIAN PRESS NOT RPT NOT VERY HELPFUL IN ELUCIDATING THIS SUBJECT. "DIE PRESSE," FOR EXAMPLE, SEEMS TO BE TREATING VISITS IN OFF-HAND MANNER, EVEN SUGGESTING THAT KREISKY MAY HAVE DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR.
- 4. VIEWS AND ASSESSMENTS OF DEPARTMENT AND VIENNA WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO RFE'S COVERAGE OF THIS SUBJECT. HEMSING WOULD CONVEY THESE VIEWS TO RFE BROADCAST DEPARTMENTS WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION.BETTS

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